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TOPIC Soviet Troop Movements through LUCKENWALDE

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1. Troop movements observed in LUCKENWALLE (N 53/Z 70):

12 September 1949

Convoy of 14 trucks, each occupied by 15 to 20 troops with red-bordered, black epaulets and towing eight 76.2-mm anti-aircraft guns, coming from the direction of WOLTERS DORF (N 53/Z 70), proceeding towards JUETERBOG (N 52/E 69).

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14 September 1949

Convoy of 15 trucks, each occupied by about 20 troops, and three T34 tanks, proceeding from the direction of JUETERBOG towards KUMMERSDORF (N 53/Z 80).

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15 September 1949

Convoy of 12 trucks, towing as many AA guns, each occupied by about 20 fully equipped troops, coming from the direction of JUETERBOG at 4:30 p.m.

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22 September 1949

Convoy of 23 trucks, towing as many AA guns, each occupied by 15 to 20 troops, moving from the direction of JUETERBOG towards KUMMERSDORF at 6:35 p.m.

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23 September 1949

Convoy of 13 trucks, towing as many 76.2-mm AA guns and occupied by about 20 troops each, moving from the direction of KUMMERSDORF towards JUETERBOG at 7 p.m.

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15 September 1949

2. The truck convoy observed on 15 September 1949 [redacted] was again seen at about 4:40 p.m. Twelve trucks towing AA guns of about 80 mm caliber and about 10 other trucks were seen. The trucks which had come from a westerly direction and left LUCKENWALDE heading north, were occupied by 15 to 20 troops each [redacted]

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3. Troop movements observed in the LUCKENWALDE area:

10 September 1949

Truck convoy, occupied by troops, observed at LINDENBERG (N 53/E 69), moving towards JUETERBOG. [redacted]

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19 September 1949

About 15 tanks, 10 trucks towing guns and 20 other trucks occupied by about 20 troops each, moving towards the Fuchsberg Kaserne, JUETERBOG. [redacted]

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and two rocket launchers, moving to the Fuchsberg Kaserne, JUETERBOG.

20 September 1949

Convoy of about 40 motor vehicles carrying bridge building equipment and some amphibious cars, moving from ROHRBECK (N 52/E 68) towards DENNEWITZ (N 52/E 68).

27 and 28 September 1949

Forty-two rocket launchers, moving towards NEUES LAGER.

4. Troop movements observed in LUCKENWALDE:

25 September 1949

Convoy of 26 trucks, each occupied by 20 to 25 troops, moving from the direction of KUMMERSDORF towards JUETERBOG at 3:25 p.m. [redacted]

26 September 1949

Convoy of 23 trucks, occupied by about 30 troops each, 3 field kitchens, 4 ration supply trucks and 1 radio truck,

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moving from the direction of KUMERSDORF to an unknown destination at 4 p.m. Twenty to thirty officers were observed with the convoy.

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30 September 1949

Convoy of 26 trucks, towing eight 76.2-mm AA guns and 3 field kitchens, and 3 tank trucks, arriving in LUCKENWALDE from the direction of JUETERBOG. Each truck was occupied by about 30 troops.

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1 October 1949

Convoy of 13 trucks towing four 76.2-mm antiaircraft guns and 1 field kitchen, and 1 radio truck, moving from the direction of JUETERBOG towards BERLIN at 6 p.m. Each truck carried 10 to 15 troops wearing black epaulets.

5 October 1949

Convoy of 8 trucks, each occupied by 30 to 35 troops with baggage, moving from the direction of JAENICKENDORF (N 53/E 79) towards BERLIN at 4:45 p.m.

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6 October 1949

Convoy of 11 trucks, carrying a canvas-covered load and towing two field kitchens moving from the direction of JUETERBOG towards BERLIN at 6:35 a.m.

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1 to 7 October 1949

5. [] reported that several trains were boarded by troops in LUCKENWALDE and FORST ZINNA (N 53/E 69). The trains were to leave for HALLE (N 52/D 92), but allegedly returned shortly and went to WUENSDORF (N 53/Z 91) via JUETERBOG and TREUENBRITZEN (N 53/Z 50).

Comment:

It is assumed from other information that large-scale maneuvers were started in the LUCKENWALDE-JUETERBOG area in late September 1949. Besides component units of all divisions of

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the Third Gds Mecz Army (Cadre), troops of ? No AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) and of the 2d Gds AAA Div may have participated in these maneuvers. The repeated observation of truck convoys with AA guns, tanks and artillery pieces indicates that large contingents of troops were concentrated in the area for large-scale maneuvers which are considered the final maneuvers conducted by the Third Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) before the winter.

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